



Press Release

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According to Lt. Michael Reed, at 11:21pm, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, along with Grand River PD, Painesville Twp. FD, Painesville City FD, and Grand River FD, responded to a reported working structure fire at 430 Wetmore Ave. Painesville Township. First arriving units reported a person possibly still trapped inside the residence. Upon arrival, the residence was found to be heavily involved with fire. The entire rear (north) portion of the residence was ablaze. Sheriff's Office units quickly learned that the 68 year old homeowner, Marion Stewart, was said to be inside the residence. This was reported to deputies by the homeowner's 61 year old brother, Melvin Stewart, who also resides at the residence and who escaped the fire with minor smoke inhalation.

Fires crews managed to bring the majority of the fire under control within approximately 15 minutes. Marion Stewart was then located, but was found deceased in a hallway area leading from a garage/workshop area into the kitchen. Coroner Lynn Smith responded to the residence along with Lake County's East End Fire Investigation Unit. The residence was deemed a total loss and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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